

Coins and Tokens

1. A small hoard of 28 silver coins and leather purse

The hoard was found in an old house in Burneside, Kendal and consists of shillings (12 pence), sixpences, groats (4 pence), half-groats (2 pence) and a threepence. The coins were minted in the reigns of Henry VIII, Elizabeth I, James VI, Charles I and William and Mary.

Metal UK 0033/94T

2. Leather purse

This 18th century Leather purse was left by a highlander in the 1745 retreat.

18th Century

Leather UK KMS 1979.265

3. James VI Sword and Sceptre coin

This was one of the last gold coins to be issued by James VI before he became King of England in 1603. The coin is dated 1602 and would have been worth £6. The coin received its name from the reverse design of a sword and sceptre in a saltire cross. Two thistles appear on the coin and the inscription translates as 'The safety of the people is the supreme law'.

The coin was found near Sandgate School, Kendal and was probably dropped by someone on their journey to, or from Scotland by the Shap Road which was the main route to Scotland.

1602

Gold Scotland KMS 2002. 3



4. Part of a small hoard of silver coins and leather purse

The hoard consists of pennies, a groat and four half groats. They represent almost 200 years of British monarchy including Edward I, Edward II, Henry V, Henry VI, Edward IV, Richard III and Henry VI. The hoard was found near Grasmere in 1978.

Medieval

Silver UK KMA 1980.189

5. Steel dies

These steel dies were used to mint silver tokens issued by the Kendal Mercers Company, c1656.

Circa 1656

Steel Kendal, Cumbria KMS 1979.174

6. 17th Century tokens

As there was one authorised copper coinage at that time, towns, and traders took it into their own hands to issue small change. Between 1648 and 1672 an enormous amount and variety of tokens were issued. They were mostly farthings and halfpennies, although some there were some pennies.

Copper and Bronze Cumbria KMS 1979. 177

7. 18th Century tokens

In 1787 the regal copper coinage was very scarce and so a new era of minting tokens began. Again they represent an immense variety of types, persons, buildings, coats of arms, local legend, and political events and so on.

Copper and Bronze Cumbria KMS 1979. 177

8. Short Cross Coin

Found near Sizergh Castle and on loan from the National Trust

Silver UK 011/02T